

RPC 0456 PUS  
Serial No. 09/688,780**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 12-19 and 21-57 were pending in this application. The Examiner allowed claims 12-19, 21-28, 30-35, 44-47 and 49-57 and rejected claims 1-7, 29 and 37-43. The Examiner objected to claims 8, 36 and 48. It is believed that the Examiner meant to refer to claim 44, not claim 48. Applicant has addressed the Examiner's objections and has corrected a few other minor typographical errors in the claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include allowable claim 36, which has been cancelled. Applicant has amended allowable claim 8 into independent form. Claims 42-43 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 48 depends from allowed claim 44.

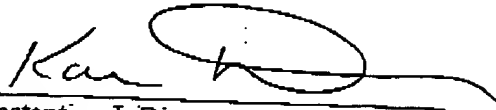
Based upon the Examiner's previous comments, this Application should be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any minor issues remain.

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Conclusion

Please charge \$86 to Deposit Account No. 50-1984 for one additional independent claim. If any fees or extensions are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1984.

Respectfully submitted,



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